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Councillor in court accused of sex assaults on girl (13)

A HARLOW Tory councillor By CHRIS MOSS has been suspended from party duties after he was this week arrested and charged with sexually abusing a 13year-old girl.

Married David Kirton (55), of Longbanks, appeared at Harlow Magistrates' Court on Tuesday charged with three sexual offences allegedly committed against the teenager since February 1 this year.

Conservative Mr Kirton – who has served on the council since winning his seat in the Staple Tye ward at the local elections in May – was remanded in custody pending a preliminary hearing

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at Chelmsford Crown Court on October 21.

Wearing a blue tracksuit top and jeans, the life-long Harlow resident only addressed Tuesday's pre-committal hearing to confirm his name and address.

He then sat with his head bowed as the prosecution went into graphic detail concerning the sexual assaults he is alleged to have committed.

Speaking to the Star after Mr Kirton's court appearance, Conservative council leader Andrew Johnson confirmed Mr Kirton had been sus



DAVID KIRTON

pended from his political duties as a result of his arrest

"Following allegations, and in accordance with group and party constitutions, David Kirton has been suspended from the Conservative group and Conservative party, pending a police investigation," he said.

Before his suspension, Mr Kirton

was a member of the licensing and housing committees and also sat on the Employment Appeals Panel.

Before becoming a councillor, he was a Conservative case worker in the Staple Tye area.

The **Star** invited Harlow Council to comment, but a spokesman said the authority would not do so regarding an ongoing legal issue

Hospital rated by watchdog as one of England's best

BOSSES at Harlow's Princess Alexandra Hospital are celebrating after independent watchdogs rated it one of the best performers in the country.

It scored a double 'good' rating in the Annual Health Check report published by the Healthcare Commission today (Thursday), one of only a few hospital trusts in England to do so.

The ratings were given for provision of high quality care and treatment as well as the management of its finances.

The results show an improvement on last year which saw PAH rated 'good' for services and 'fair' for financial management.

In other areas, it scored 13/17 for management, 10/13 for safety and cleanliness and 9/9 for standard of

Trust chief executive Chris Pocklington said: "It is gratifying to know that our achievements have been acknowledged by an independent body.

"These two key scores are very encouraging and reflect the dedication and commitment of our staff, who continue to provide high quality care and treatment for all

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Council pulls Iceland cash out just in time

A MILLION pounds of taxpayers' money News Editor has been saved from a collapsed Icelandic bank in a prudent move by Harlow's finance chiefs.

As local authorities throughout the country call on the Government to bail them out after losmillions when Landisbanki was nationalised last week, Harlow Council breathed a sigh of relief and revealed it had withdrawn funds it had invested in one of the bank's UK subsidiaries just weeks before its demise.

The move saved more than £1m and is a welcome relief to the authority which has been heavily criticised in the past for its handling of finances.

The council said money The council said money had been stashed in Heritable bank for 88 days before it was withdrawn in June when accountancy staff realised the perceived security of the Icelandic banks was beginning to slip the same time a rate. at the same time as rates began to rise.

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subsidiary and other councils in the UK face the possibility of cutting services or raising council tax to claw back lost funds.

Harlow policy and resources committee chairman Simon Carter praised staff this week and added: "I am pleased to tell council taxpayers that Harlow Council does not have investments in any Icelandic Banks.

"Following the Bank of Credit and Commerce International insolvency many years ago, this coun-cil has adopted a very pru-dent investment policy."

"All of our investments are made in financial institutions which have branches in London and licensed by the Bank of England. We are further guided by com-mercial ratings which are updated on a frequent basis. "The investment policy

and range of institutions is approved by members on an annual basis and is reviewed regularly by offi-cers and with our advisers." Epping Forest Council said the amount of money

The news comes as caught up in the Epping Forest Council Landisbanki collapse is reladmitted it had £2.5m tied up in the same Landisbanki the impact will be limited.



Better read than bed!

SLEEPY heads packed into Old Harlow library on Tuesday to be read bedtime stories with their favourite cuddly toy in tow.

Children descended on the facility for an hour in the afternoon, enjoying a few all-time classic tales as well as a selection of more modern yarns.

The event was part of a wider project designed to get young people more interested in libraries and reading.

Pictured are Christian, rear, with Zac and Katelyn Van As.

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Former chairman dies

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A FORMER chairman of Harlow Council died this week, aged 77. in a by-election at Little Parndon in 1959. He served in a variety of capacities, includ-John Moore, who has been ing chairman of the housing

described as a key member of the community for more than 25 years, died in hospital on Monday following a long ill-

He came to Harlow in 1957, joined the Labour Party and was first elected to the council

He also helped set up the Housing Advice Bureau, served as chairman of the council from 1978-79 and was responsible for establishing the

twinning link with French town Velizy-Villacoublay.

PAH rated among best

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of our patients.

"Last year, we set ourselves the aim of strengthening our financial performance. It is crucial to have a sound financial base to work from in developing our services for local people in the future and

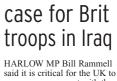
enabling us to gain Foundation Trust status.

"All this hard word has resulted in us getting to a position where the HCC is saying that we 'continue to provide a good quality of service to patients and are good at managing our finances'."

However, he added there is still

work to do to improve the overall experience of staying in hospital but was confident PAH would continue to improve. West Essex

Primary Care Trust slipped from 'good' to 'fair' in quality of service, but went from 'fair' to 'good' for its use of resources



MP makes the

secure an agreement with the Iraqi Government to allow the continued presence of British troops in the country.

He made the statement as he visited the war-torn capital Baghdad this week in his new role as Minister of State for

Speaking to BBC Radio 4 while on his fact-finding mission, he said he wants to secure a Status of Forces Agreement without which the UK would have to seek the rollover of its United Nations mandate to maintain a military presence in Iraq. Failure to do so, he said. would send out an "unfortunate" message and undermine progress towards stability in the country.

He also restated Prime Minister Gordon Brown's July prediction that next year would see a "fundamental change of mission" for British



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Jewish community has a curtain call



MEMBERS of Harlow's Jewish community turned their hands to craftwork to make a colourful curtain for their twin community in the former Soviet Union.

The curtain, made up of 15 blue silk panels with delicate embroidery, paints and collage, was delivered last month by Harlow rabbi Irit Shillor.

It will be used to decorate the ark housing the congregation's Torah (scrolls of the law).

It took them several weeks to paint the panels, which feature Biblical scenes, a Jerusalem skyline, a Star of David and candles. They used salt on some panels to create a tie dye effect and embroidered purple and gold branches to link it together.

Project co-ordinator Deborah Montlake, who works as an an interior designer, said: "We've chosen colours that look luxurious without being over the top. The curtain is designed to create an impact."

Pictured with the finished curtain are, left to right, Cheryl Petar, Deborah Montlake, Rabbi Irit Shillor, Kuzna Jackson, Irene Steinberg and Vivienne Wright.

It's gym helping to fix it

A GYM project designed to keep young offenders off the streets and put them back on the straight and narrow is proving to be a success after it was rolled out in Harlow.

The pioneering scheme runs once a week at the town's sports centre and gives teenagers from disadvantaged backgrounds the chance to focus their mind, helping them overcome their problems though counselling and exercise.

It has already changed the lives of a number of participants and six more are currently taking part in the programme.

Such is the success of the project that it is being highlighted in this week's Government-backed My Neighbour Week campaign, which celebrates all the work being done by local agencies to tackle crime and anti-social behaviour.

Nikki Sienkewitz, of the Essex Young Persons' Drugs and Alcohol Service which runs the gym scheme in Harlow and one in Colchester, said: "It started from observations that a number of young people who, whilst regularly engaging in sporting activities while in detention, upon release had nowhere to go to continue accessing such health and leisure facilities.

"This was either because they did not have the means or the funding to do so or because they lacked the motivation, guidance or confidence to make it happen.

"When released from custody some young people swiftly lapsed out of the routines they had built."

The gym group encourages members to be healthy, try new things and encourages independence and positivity, helping them to move forward with their lives and at the same time reduce the levels of the antisocial behaviour within the community.

Nikki added: "Most importantly, the group acts as a diversionary intervention that helps the young people reduce their level of substance misuse as exercise is an excellent way to release the natural endorphins that give a natural high rather than the use of substances."

Spurs shirt will benefit hospice

VOLUNTEER fundraisers are hoping to net a tidy sum for Hastingwood's St Clare Hospice by selling a football shirt signed by the Tottenham Hotspur squad.

As well as the Spurs memorabilia, which is up for sale at £120, a signed West Ham pennant and a four-ball golf session at Theydon Bois Golf Club are also up for grabs

All money made by the sale of the items will be donated to the hospice by charity fundraisers Jean and Dave Roberts, who have raised £20,000 in eight years for the centre by selling sport-related items. For more information about the sale, call (01279) 434291.

Film fundraiser

GENEROUS theatre-goers helped raise thousands of pounds for charity when they attended a special screening of box office blockbuster Sex And The City at Harlow Playhouse.

The girls' night out event organised by the Helen Rollason Heal Cancer Charity and sponsored by the Eden Hair Group also gave those attending the chance to enter a prize draw before the screening. First prize of a diamond, donated by the Sawbridgeworth Farmers Market in conjunction with The Gowan Gallery, in Sawbridgeworth, went to Kathryn Betts, from Sawbridgeworth.

The whole night raised more than £1,300 for the charity which aims to provide a network of centres and services that will support and care for individuals affected by cancer and help to improve their quality of life.

Baby memorial

A SPECIAL memorial service for babies who have died will be held at Epping Forest Burial Park on Sunday (October 19).

The service is open to anyone who has lost a baby, regardless of when and in what circumstances. It will be led by Rev Christine Hawkins, chaplain of Harlow's Princess Alexandra Hospital, and Rabbi Irit Shillor.

The inter-faith service will include readings and music and will be followed by the planting of wild snowdrops.

"This is a service for anyone who has been touched by the loss of a baby, whether that was recently or a long time ago," said organiser Fran Hall. "We know there are parents and families who have never had the opportunity to grieve and we hope the service will provide comfort to everyone."

The service will start at 2pm. For more information call Fran on 07866 596234.

Tabletop sale

THE Redeemer Lutheran Church in Bush Fair, Harlow, will be opening its doors for a tabletop sale on Saturday, Stalls cost £5. For more information, call the Rev Paul Fry on (01279) 830539.

Wings collection

A COLLECTION in aid of the Wings Appeal raised £1,396.19 at Harlow Town railway station and the town centre last month. The money will be spent on welfare for serving and ex-RAF personnel and their dependants.

Rainbow seeks funding for a youth facility

A MULTI-million pound youth facility for Harlow could be on the cards following the submission of a bid for Government funding.

Rainbow Services, working with partners, has applied to the Big Lottery Fund to create a handson science and technology centre in the new Leisure Zone sports centre, in Third Avenue, Harlow, which will open as a science discovery centre for schools and the public during the day and serve as a distinctive youth centre in the evenings

The bid also includes funding for a youth bus to take the resource to the heart of Harlow's communities.

Various agencies in the town have worked for months to try to find out what young people would like in the area.

The partnership will submit a The partnership will submit a further bid for a new state-of-the-art youth facility in Old Harlow in the next round of the MyPlace scheme, which aims to allocate money lying dormant in unused bank and building society accounts to community facilities.

Trio bailed after Beckham 'theft'

understood to be from Nazeing have been arrested on suspicion of stealing from the Sawbridgeworth home of David and Victoria Beckham.

Hertfordshire police are investigating an allegation of theft from 'Beckingham Palace', in London Road, reported at 4.45pm on Friday.

A 55-year-old man,a 25-year-old man and a 56-year-old woman were arrested and subsequently bailed until November 22

It has been alleged that they stole items and tried to auction them on eBay.

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'Racist bully forced son from school'

By CHRIS MOSS

FURIOUS parents have withdrawn their son from a Harlow primary school amid allegations his teachers did nothing to stop him becoming the victim of racial bullying.

Tessa (33) and Ronnie (41) Lucia, of Brockles Mead, say their 10-year-old son Isaac was subjected to a sustained campaign of mental and physical torment while at St Luke's School

They claim he was racially taunted and physically beaten on a regular basis by another child in his class, who appeared to have singled Isaac out for abuse because of his father's Chinese origins.

Yet despite repeated pleas for staff at the Pyenest Road primary to intervene and address the problem, the couple claim headteacher Christine O'Hara refused to take their concerns seriously and instead threatened to ban them from the school grounds on account of their complaints

Even letters they sent to the school's governors - chaired by senior Harlow councillor Eddie Johnson - to alert them to their son's plight have met with no reply; although Mr Johnson said he

had received one and was preparing a response.

"It just got to the stage where we couldn't allow our son to go back to that school. He was coming home with cuts and bruises and was upset all the

time," Mrs Lucia told the **Star**.

"The way the school and, especially, the headteacher have acted throughout this fiasco has been disgusting. All of our complaints fell on deaf ears and the school seemed unconcerned that our son was being tormented by another child, day-in day-

When the **Star** approached St Luke's for comment, headteacher Mrs O'Hara refused to discuss



DISGUSTED: Tessa Lucia, whose 10-year-old son Isaac is alleged to be the victim of racial bullying; he was too distressed to appear in this photograph (photo: KT9JXRZJ/02)

any individual case and insisted the welfare of pupils was the school's "absolute priority".

"We have policies and procedures in place that are rigorously followed in the event of any allegations of bullying and, where necessary, appropriate steps are taken to safeguard the children," she

"Ofsted has recognised our excellence in this field, judging the school's pastoral care as 'outstanding' at our most recent inspection.

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Cost of missed PAH appointments is £1m

MORE than £1m was wasted last year because people did not bother to show up for appointments Princess Alexandra Hospital.

The staggering figure was revealed this week as a new scheme was launched to help reduce the 18,000 or so nonattendances which dogged the Hamstel Road hospital last

Health chiefs have initiated a number of strategies intended to slash the amount of wasted slots, including a text messag-ing service for younger patients to remind them of their appointment date and an automated call system for older patients which calls them five

days prior to their allotted visit to check the date can still be

Performance director Martin Armstrong, who initiated the project, said: "We have had over 18,000 missed appoint-ments during 2007/08 – which equates to over £1m wasted.

"When somebody doesn't turn up, it's too late to offer the appointment to another patient and, apart from the cost to the NHS, it is very frustrating for our staff.

"We hope this new system will remind people of the forthcoming date and give them the chance to cancel if necessary. We know there are many reasons why people don't

turn up, but it's those people who don't let us know in advance who create the most problems as we are unable to book somebody else in and utilise pre-cious doctor and nurse time.

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There's a reason police cars are parked on lines

SIR, Re: parking outside Epping police station.

I write in the capacity of the District Police Commander for Epping Forest in response to the observations made by one of your readers regarding parking outside of the police station in Epping High Road (*Letters*, October 2). The question posed is a valid one and I present my

answer as follows: in July 2008, I raised concerns around the parking of emergency response vehicles with colleagues in Epping Forest District Council as my emergency vehicles were becoming regularly boxed in, in Star Lane, thus preventing them from being effectively deployed to assist at urgent road traffic and

Epping Forest District Council is currently completing the process with Essex County Council Highways department to formally accommodate police vehicles in designated parking bays outside the police station. In the meantime, and to effectively deliver the highest quality of service with the quickest response possible to the people of Epping Forest District, Essex Police have been granted permission to park at this location. It is expected that the bays will be formally painted on the road in the New Year.

Chief Inspector Jonathan Baldwin Epping Forest District Commander, Essex Police

No guarantees from MP

SIR, MP Bill Rammell writes "with a major development north of Harlow, we are much more likely to get the funds for an A414/M11 link road north of Harlow" (*Letters*, October 9). What caught my eye was his use of the word 'likely', showing that he can offer no guarantee that a major housing development will actually result in a raise road for Harlow. actually result in a relief road for Harlow.

I find it slightly perverse that Harlow residents are being asked to allow a major housing development, which will only worsen traffic congestion, before the Government even considers funding infrastructure improvements. Why should residents have to endure additional congestion that would arise from Harlow North with no guaranteed improvements on offer?

What residents would actually like to see are real measures taken to reduce traffic congestion and only then should talk of major housing development return to the table. It's completely absurd that things should have

to get worse before they get better!

I would also point out to Mr Rammell that infrastructure improvement does not solely consist of a relief road to the M11. In his letter, it was conspicuous by its absence that there was no mention of new schools, doctors' surgeries, health centres, sports facilities, parks or leisure amenities. It seems that the only objective is to meet Government housebuilding targets for the south-east at all costs, whether or not demand for housing actually exists, with little thought given to our quality of

One last point, should Harlow North ever get approved, please could Mr Rammell request funding for two relief roads and the widening of every street in Harlow to dual carriageway? Because that's what it would take to get traffic moving!

Daniel Margetson Fir Park, Harlow

An assault on liberties

SIR, In a few weeks, MPs will vote on Government proposals to allow detention without charge for 42 days under new counter-terrorism laws.

These new measures will take away basic rights that protect us all. They will make no-one safer. The 'safeguards' offered by the Government are totally inadequate.

Police can already detain people under current anti-terrorism legislation for 28 days, far longer than in any other country with a similar legal system. They have never needed longer than 28 days. The Government has failed to make the case that a longer limit is required.

If there is evidence that someone is involved in terrorism, they should be promptly charged, put on trial and punished if they're found guilty; if not, they should be released. Simple as that.

If we do not stand up for our rights now, we will be sleepwalking into an assault on basic British civil liberties. Amnesty members in Harlow are asking people to sign a new petition to MPs at www.protectthehuman.com/42days, urging them to

oppose 42 days pre-charge detention when the Commons votes this autumn.

Anne Neuhaus Harlow & Bishop's Stortford Amnesty Group

Elmbridge, Harlow

Consultation failures

SIR, Have the tenants of Harlow been consulted on the major issues that affect them by their landlord, Harlow Council? What major issues? There aren't any, are there? Well, for example, were they consulted, inter alia, on the



One law for the police?

SIR. Why is it that when I so through Epping High Street there are always police care parked outside the ristion on double yellow line? They are not on call as they do not have their blue lights on and then it ample parking at the rost i always thought double yellow lines meant you are not to park on them at all. How can anyone take that endocrement seriously in Epping If their own officers are flouting the last?

There are all addition sended—tiller

introduction of service charges, the removal of the water rates from the rent card and the removal of the current rent card to a debit/credit card style replacement? The answer is, of course, no!

The current tenant and leaseholder engagement model was agreed last year by the council's housing committee. This model was agreed on the basis of 130 people. That is hardly representative of the 10,000 tenants in this town, is it?

The present administration tells me that they are in the process of re-evaluating all their consultation procedures. Nevertheless, they want to re-introduce the local area forums that would apparently be led by residents. However, if I remember correctly, it was the Conservative group that closed our neighbourhood offices, where our local meetings were held, on the grounds of cost. The current financial position is evidently even worse, so how is that possible?

Finally, the art of criticism of any organisation is easy so let me suggest how the council could really empower tenants. They could, for example, give each ward a tenants' budget and sanction tenant elections in each ward in order for the budget to be spent. These tenants ward in order for the budget to be spent. These tenant would then be given a formal vote on the housing Committee. Am I naive? Wouldn't these tenant elections be influenced by political dogma? Yes, I suspect they would. But are tenants so lacking in political nous that they would allow this to happen? I hope not.

Gary Roberts Carters Mead, Harlow

Bin emptying confusion

SIR, My local paper reports that Harlow Conservatives are considering fortnightly rather than weekly rubbish collections starting next April, which seems to be against the wishes of residents in general.

Later the same month, my national paper says the UK Conservative leader intends to reintroduce weekly

Surely, this means that a new contract starting next April should remain on a weekly basis? Could this be another case where Harlow Council managers have tried to influence our councillors?

Harlow (full address supplied - Editor)

SIR, Having attended the meeting at the Civic Centre on September 22 to debate the forthcoming changes to our rubbish collections, I was hoping that any alternative view put forward from the floor would at least be given a fair hearing but it appears that the decision to allocate many Harlow home's with three wheelie bins each has already been decided. So much for democracy. Perhaps the council would like to put this proposal to the residents of Harlow via a local referendum; now that's what many people would call democracy.

Roy Hemmings Westfield, Harlow

We were once on tarm

SIR, In reply to the letter 'Where is farm?' (*Letters*, October 2), we are the previous occupants of Silcock's Farm, Broadley Common, and are in fact related to Albert Batt and knew him well.

We would be very keen to get in touch with Lionel King, who wrote the request. I do have a family tree and would be delighted to get in touch.

I appreciate your Letters page, and didn't dream it would ever include a 'lost' relative.

Mrs Rosemarie Welch

Coopers End, Takeley

Thanks for my handbag

SIR, I would like to thank the kind gentleman who found my handbag in Lidl's and made it possible for me to retrieve it. I am most grateful.

Kathleen Barnes

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Town leaders claim airport growth 'good'

By SOPHIE WARNER star@hertsessexnews.co.uk

KEY political figures in Harlow have welcomed the move to allow an extra 10m passengers a year pass through Stansted, claiming it will bring prosperity to the town.

Airport operator BAA has been given the green light by the Government to increase the number of passengers using the airport from 25m to 35m a year and flights leaving the airport from 241,000 to 264,000.

New Transport Secretary Geoff Hoon made the announcement in a written statement to Parliament on Thursday, ending a year's wait for the operator and the protesters who fought the application at last year's public inquiry.

public inquiry.

Harlow Council leader Andrew
Johnson predicted the move will
bring real economic benefits for the



town.

"Increasing the number of flights and passengers using the existing facilities at the airport is likely to mean plenty of new job opportunities for local people," he said.

He also claimed more businesses may also look to invest in Harlow because of the increased amount of flights coming to and from the airport.

His sentiment was echoed by Liberal Democrat group leader Chris Millington, who said the decision was "a positive development for Harlow", and by Labour group leader Mark Wilkinson.

Harlow MP Bill Rammell supported the announcement but stressed he is still opposed to plans

for a second runway and has met with BAA and ministers to seek reassurances about limiting night flights and noise levels.

noise levels.
But Harlow's
Tory prospective
Parliamentary
candidate Robert
Halfon slammed
the Government
and BAA for
"working hand in
hand" to expand
Stansted beyond
its means and
called the
announcement a
"Trojan horse" for
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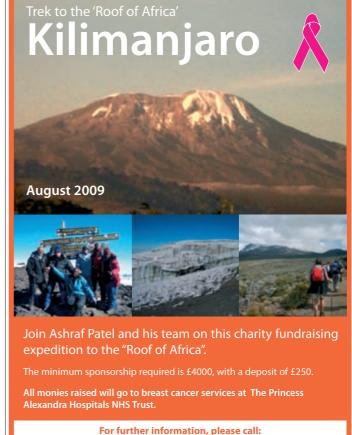
runway.

In a straw poll conducted by the Star, five out of six people questioned said they were against expansion for reasons including increased pollution and noise.

Opponents to the straw pollution and reasons.

Opponents to the move will now be reviewing the report in the hope of launching a legal challenge to the decision.

Both sides will also look at how the decision will impact on BAA's bid to build a second runway at Stansted to handle 68m passengers by 2030. That will be the subject of a public inquiry set to begin in April next year.





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OAP is jailed for Churchill gets a new plaque in High Street child sex abuse

A PERVERTED pensioner who and continued until she was 14. repeatedly molested a young girl in Harlow over a seven year period

has been jailed four years.

Chelmsford Crown Court was told Michael O'Carroll (67) first abused the girl 20 years ago when she was just seven when must be prevented from interfering

O'Carroll, who now lives in Westcliffe but who had lived in Harlow for 45 years prior to the offences coming to light, had pleaded

with children and children must be protected from themselves – if she encouraged you it

was because you had corrupted her."

He said the victim suffered psychological damage and added: "What you did to her was appalling."

In addition to jailing O'Carroll, the judge also placed him on the Sex Offenders Register indefinitely and banned him for life from working with children.

The court was told that in addition to the five specimen counts, which dated back to 1989, a further six had been left on file.

Prosecuting, David Pickersgill told the court the offences occurred "on so many occasions they all seemed to blur into each

He said the victim had realised it was wrong when, at the age of 12, she told a school friend. The molestation continued, but less frequently, and the girl then saw a programme about sexual abuse and realised it had been happening to her.

Sasha Bailey, mitigating for O'Carroll, told the court he was extremely ill, suffered from spinal problems and walked permanently with

She said he had lived in the Harlow area for 45 years but had to leave and now had no life in the Southend area. All he did was watch TV and go shopping, she added.



WARTIME Prime Minister Winston Churchill has been commemorated in Epping with a fresh plaque.

Local dignitaries gathered on Friday at Marks and Spencer, in High Street – a building once used as a place for Churchill to address his people when he served as the MP for the town from 1924-

The plaque replaces one removed from the façade of the building when it was undergoing renovation work by the previous occupiers. Pictured above are, left to right, Denys Favre of The Epping Society, Churchill's greatgrandson Randolph, MP Eleanor Laing, mayor Ben Murphy and M&S manager Michelle Bell.

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Scheme to cut some fuel bills via insulation

A CREDIT crunch-busting scheme is set to help hundreds of hard-up Harlow residents come in from the cold by offering cut-price insulation for their homes.

Harlow Council's new Energycare programme is currently being trialled in the Netteswell area of the town, where homeowners and private tenants are benefiting from reduced rates for the installation of cavity wall and loft insulation. Residents can apply for a grant to significantly reduce the cost of insulating their homes, while those on certain benefits or aged 70-plus can get it done free.

And according to the authority, those taking advantage of the scheme could see their annual heating costs plummet by up to 60 per cent.

Environment and community committee chairman Eddie Johnson said the scheme was likely to be expanded throughout the town if the uptake was good. "Harlow Council recognises that local people need help to cope with the rising cost of living and the Energycare scheme follows on from other similar schemes we've run in the past which encourage people to make their homes more energy efficient, helping to reduce their heating costs," he added.

'Council lost our sensitive data'

BV LOUISE SASSOON News Editor sassoonl@hertsessexnews.co.uk

HARLOW Council was under fire this week over claims it lost sensitive documents containing a couple's benefit details, Post Office account information and birth certificates.

Angela Dalgleish (30) has complained to the Ombudsman about the apparent gaffe, which came about when she submitted a housing application for herself and partner Stephen Brereton

She insists she personally delivered an envelope containing the information, which also included mobile phone numbers and details of Mr Brereton's medication for Parkinson's disease, to the Civic Centre.

But after receiving no response, she chased the council up to find out if their application had been successful only to be called by the housing department a few days later to be told the information could not be found.

"All of our personal details have been lost," she said. "I don't know whether to laugh or cry. I don't know what to think, I'm disgust-



LOST DETAILS:

Stephen Brereton, Angela Dalgleish and her daughter

Leaona (3) (photo: RZFX2YMX/01)

She was already in contact with the **Star** after claiming the council had denied them shared accommodation despite their difficult A council spokesman confirmed: "We

have now received a complaint which is being dealt with in accordance with the council's complaints procedure.

Rat poison is spread around Harlow fields

ANIMAL welfare chiefs fear a spate of poisonings after rat pellets were scattered in fields

Two dogs, a fox and its cubs are said to have already died after apparently eating the lethal poison and pet owners are now being warned not to let their animals wander off the lead in the affected areas.

Trisha Hume, from the RSPCA clinic in The Stow, believes as many as three fields in the town have been targeted in what she thinks is a malicious campaign to harm animals.

"Who would go and put rat poison down willy-nilly?" she asked. "We don't usually get infestations of rats in fields so I think it's malicious but I can't prove it until we see them but we don't want this to happen to any other animals.

"It is important for the people that let their dogs off leads to be aware of what is going on because we don't want this to happen again."

The fields said to be affected are at the rear of St Mary at Latton Church, near First Avenue, near Bush Fair bowls club and near Tesco, in Church Langley.

Mrs Hume said: "If anybody thinks their animal has eaten poison they should take it straight to the vet.

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illegal travellers

faced the same complaints

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accused of dragging their heels about evict-ing travellers from the same area after a mix

going on down there.

Another resident, who also wished to remain anonymous, said: "The council doesn't seem to take this seriously. I bet it

weeks to move on travellers camped in the same spot, despite allegations they were using an underpass as a toilet, lighting bon-fires and having parties until the early hours

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him unable to look after himself

Miss Dalgleish was applying to live with Mr Brereton after he was served an eviction

notice from his council house in Moorfield

She said she wants to live with him as his full-time carer because Parkinson's has left

HIGHWAYS chiefs have been blasted for not doing enough to move travellers from land in Harlow – almost a year after they

their peace has been compromised since a group set up camp there last week.

They called Essex County Council to

move the party on but claim the authority's response has been apathetic.

The accusations come just 11 months after Essex and Harlow councils were

One homeowner, who did not want to be identified for fear of reprisal, said: "The council doesn't give a stuff about what is

"Harlow Council said it's not their prob-lem, it's Essex County Council's because

would be a different story if they were camped in their street."

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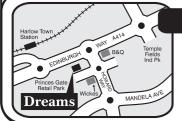
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Bed firm fire may be arson

By OLIVER GODFREY

A JOINT police and fire investigation is under way following a suspected arson attack at a firm in Pinnacles industrial estate.

Seven fire crews from Harlow and the surrounding area were called to the unnamed bedding manufacturer, in Harlow Business Centre, Lovet Road, at about lam on Thursday.

lam on Thursday.

They arrived to find the unit engulfed in flames and had to act quickly to stop it spreading to adjoining premises, which were understood to contain inflammable materials including paint and thinners.

Firefighters broke down the factory's door using a heavy-duty industrial saw to locate the source of the fire. They also used an aerial ladder platform to tackle the blaze from above but back-up was summoned after they failed to suppress it.

The fire was finally brought under control after two-and-a-half hours.

Divisional officer Mark Samuels praised his colleagues and said: "The initial action of crews on the scene, who located the fire quickly and gained access to the premises by



using a DeWalt saw on a heavy roller door, gave us tremendous advantage. "The bedding manufacturer where

"The bedding manufacturer where the fire was centered was joined on both sides by units containing decorating materials such as paint and thinners, stacked floor-to-ceiling. "This cocktail of inflammables

"This cocktail of inflammables had the potential to cause rapid spread but firefighters worked

quickly to contain the blaze. Although units on either side were affected by smoke, crews prevented major fire spread." He added: "The two aerial ladder platforms played an invaluable part

He added: "The two aerial ladder platforms played an invaluable part in firefighting operations, again primarily to contain the fire to the unit where it began and to prevent further spread to adjoining risk."



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Do you recall 1963 Sportcentre day?

picture of a grand event being held at Harlow Sportcentre, in Hammmarskjold Road, arrived courtesy of George Torkildsen, the first manager/director of the facility.

The snap is believed to have been taken at Harlow's town twinning event on July 22, 1963 but other than that, no more is known.

Do you have any memories of the event or can you clarify what the occasion was? Write to us with your memories.



Curious ritual of print trade

HIS week, we take a look back at some rather strange passing out ceremonies which took place in a time when PC meant noting more than the bobby on the

Nowadays, the achievement of passing from the status of a trainee into the world of 'proper work' is usually marked with a presentation of some sort, with those involved smartly turned out in suits.

But courtesy of correspondent Michael Rees, I have been given an insight into what apprentices working for Shenvale Press, in



Templefields industrial estate, had to go through when they had completed their stint as a trainee. He came to our offices clutching a photocopy of a well-thumbed photograph showing the grimacing blacked-out face of his brother Chris dressed up in a top hat and straw box with a sign which appears to read 'Not a Pongo'.

Mr Rees said the picture depicts Chris once he had been tarred and feathered, a ritual all apprentices had to endure in celebration of their passage into the workforce proper. The dog-eared picture also captured the faces of his smiling colleagues and a stern-looking man, who one can only assume to be his manager at the time.

"It used to happen to all of them," Mr Rees told *Nostalgia*. "He stayed there for six years as an apprentice and another two years after that, so it didn't put him off.

He added: "I don't know what 'Not a Pongo' meant though.'

Unfortunately, the picture of Mr Rees' brother taken in 1961 is in too poor a condition to print, but if any other correspondents have photographs/memories of loved ones or themselves going through the same ritual at Shenvale Press, or anything else about the firm, please call Nostalgia on (01279) 400577

sassoonl@hertsessexnews.co.uk.

Coronation celebration as good as guild

WE have touched on the Queen's coronation celebrations before but an interesting newspaper cutting arrives from reader Brenda Miller detailing how the occasion was marked at Old Harlow's Victoria Hall. Harlow Theatre Guild presented three one-act plays which, according to

the reviewer, improved as the evening went on. The Man Who Wouldn't Go To Heaven by F. Saden Smith is described as "slow and unsuitable for the cast", although Heaven On Earth by Philip Johnson and Fumed Oak by Noel Coward get a better write-up. Mrs Miller, secretary of

the Victoria Hall Performing Arts Association, told Nostalgia: "I was intrigued by this mention of the Harlow Theatre Guild and I wonder if anyone remembers acting with this company or attending any of its productions at Vicky Hall. "I would also like to find

out more about the way Victoria Hall has been used by the community since it was purchased by the council in the 1950s and any photographs, programmes, posters, etc, would be much appreciated."

If you can help with this request, please contact Mrs Miller via Nostalgia.

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STRIKE BY SOCIAL **WORKERS**

Nearly 20 Harlow social workers and residential workers joined a one-day strike to lobby the county council at Chelmsford in a fight for a 35-hour week with better shift payments and more staff.

SECRET LOVE AFFAIR

A Harlow schoolmaster was sentenced to two years in jail after he was convicted for having a secret love affair with a 14-year-old girl.

Chelmsford Crown Court heard she had a "schoolgirl crush" on him and he invited her back to his home, then took indecent pictures of her.

RUBBISH BACKLOG

Harlow's new refuse collection scheme has been dogged by complaints since the dustmen went back to work a fortnight

Many residents say their backlog of rubbish has still not been cleared but the council says it is due to

'teething problems'.

TENDER LOVING

Staff nurse Kenny Russell and student nurse Maghman Teymourian lavished tender loving care on a pair of very unusual patients - Henrietta Hedgehog and her baby Harriet.

The [toy] hedgehogs were on sale at the Princess Alexandra Hospital autumn fair on Saturday.

Has anything in this week's Nostalgia jogged your memory? Write to Nost-algia, Harlow Star, 6-8 West Gate, The High, Harlow, Essex CM20 1JW or send an email to star@hertsessexnews.co.uk



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Family angry at bath delay

By CHRIS MOSS mossc@hertsessexnews.co.uk

A DESPERATE mum has been forced to wash her sixmonth-old baby in the sink for the past three months because Harlow Council has failed to replace a faulty bath in her home.

Gemma Wright Brockles Mead, moved into the one-bedroom flat with son Jamie and partner Adam Holtby (22) in after being promised a replacement bathroom suite by a housing officer.

The previous tenants had caused considerable damage in the flat before being evicted, pouring chemi-cals into the bath which stripped off the enamel coating and left it unsafe

But despite repeated pleas for the council to fix the problem, Miss Wright is still waiting for a new bath, meaning the entire family is forced to wash in the sink or impose on friends and neighbours.

"I'm at my absolute wit's end with the council over this," a tearful Miss Wright told the **Star**. "Who would have thought it would be this difficult just to get a bath replaced?
"Even though my housing officer



SINKING FEELING: Gemma Wright with son Jamie (photo: PQ4TQ3XX/01)

promised me it would be replaced as soon as possible, we've been waiting for nearly three months – I can't tell you how upset it's made me.

"We can only wash in the sink, or we have to go round my parents' or friends' houses to have a bath, which is absolutely ridiculous, especially when you're trying to raise a six-month-old baby."

But following the **Star**'s intervention, the authority apologised to Miss Wright and her family on behalf of maintenance contractor Kier Harlow and pencilled in a date for the installation of her new bath.

A council spokesman said: "Kier Harlow apologise to the tenant as there have been delays in replacing the bath in the property."

Hospital's tribute to sculptor

THE late sculptor Henry Moore has been immortalised at Princess Alexandra Hospital with two wards re-named after him. Photographs of the artist at work hang in the new Henry Moore Unit, which incorporates rehabilitation facilities and will provide patients with acute and palliative care. The new unit was formally unveiled last Wednesday by Henry Moore Foundation director Richard Calvocoressi, who said he was delighted. "It is a great honour to be invited to rename these wards the Henry Moore Unit. "Moore's long-standing relationship with

Harlow began with the commission of his Harlow Family Group in 1954 and continued until his death.

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Deaths

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On 5th October 2008, aged 50 years.

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Anne's funeral service is to be held on Friday
17th October 2008, at Kingsmoor Christian
Centre, Parndon Wood Road, Harlow at 11.30
a.m. Followed by private cremation at Parndon
Wood Road, Harlow at 100
wester of the Alzheimer's society, Harlow
Branch. (Cheques made payable to MFH
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BILL HARTLES

11/8/59 - 3/10/08

Following on from our sad loss. The funeral will take place on Friday 24th October at 15.30 at Parndon Wood Crematorium. All friends welcome.

For all service details please contact Co- Op Funeral Services 01279 441444

(Betty). Died Thursday 02/10/08, at Princess Alexandra Hospital, Harlow, following a long illness, aged 80. Sadly missed by Steve, Sadly missed by Steve, Mary and many friends. Funeral Wednesday 22/10/08, 11.00 at Catholic Church of the Assumption, Mulberry Green, Old Harlow, fol-Green, Old Harlow, fol-lowed by reception 12.00 at the Gibberd Garden, Marsh Lane, off Gilden Way, Family flowers only. Donations to "Stop Stansted Expansion" or Royal British Legion, via Co-operative Funeral Care, 01279 441444.

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you always. From Joyce, Pete, Sue, Darren and Richard.

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Mark

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GILLIAN GRIMLEY 09.11.56 - 18.10.07

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MANSFIELD. John. Ten years have passed since you went away. Always thinking of you. Your loving wife Barbara and son

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(Harry)

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HAPPY 40TH BIRTHDAY LISA DIX

In memory of a dear Wife, Mum and Nan, forever in our thoughts and hearts. From Albert, Alan, Carol, David, Liz, Jenny, Steve, Karina Chris and

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October 16th 2006

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LOOK WHO'S 21



Happy 21st Birthday Frances!

Lots of love Mum, Paul, Ant, Liam & Leia

BIRTHDAY

ANGELINA **PAGLIARULO**

20/10/87 Happy 21st Birthday Luv Mum, Dad, Ken, Honey, Chet, Darren, Kids, Tony, Keeley, Kids Vince and Lisa. XXX

ROBINSON. Ian. Happy 50th birthday. Lots of love, Emily and Sharon.

KEVIN WELLS

Happy 50th Birthday

19th October 2008

Love always Tracey, Mike, Keeley & Grant xxx



CHANELLE

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RAYMOND LAST

Passed away at home, with his family, on 9th October 2008 aged 65 years

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PATRICK **JOSEPH BYRNE**

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23rd October Love you loads, Mum, Dad and tina xx

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CHRIS & MICK BIRD



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JAN & GLEN WILLIAMS



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HANNAH (member 361), of Church End, Harlow, is 11

SATURDAY

GEORGE (member 280), of Jerounds, Harlow, and MATTHEW (member Harlow, and MATTHEW (member 445), of Wharley Hook, are both 11

THOMAS (member 031), of Holly Field, Harlow, is 11; KEIGHLEY (member 807), of Rushes Mead, Harlow, is 9; JIMMY (member 959), of Willowfield, Harlow, is 3

JASMINE (member 522), of Spencers Croft, Harlow, is 10; JOSHUA-LEE (member 792), of Quarry Spring, Harlow, is 8; JANE (member 561), of The Gossetts, Margaret Roding, is 5

VEDNESDAY

MAX (member 643), of Pear Tree Mead, Harlow, is 9; MADISON (member 718), of Moorfield, Harlow, is 5

New Recruit

HEIDI (member 982), of Bentley Villas, Hatfield Heath, is 4 and enjoys ballet and tap dancing

Return of the rhino

AN endangered species of rhinoceros has been released back into the wild for the first time in more than 25 years.

There have been major problems preserving the numbers of the black rhino that once roamed freely over the African continent The main threat in recent vears has been from poachers who kill these magnificent beasts for their

Kenya has been the site of some of the biggest drops suffered in the black rhino population, with the total number plummeting from 20 000 in the just 500 today – and most of those are currently living in captivity They are one of the

most endangered

hopes for their survival were looking slim until recently. But in one of the biggest leaps forward in African conservation, experts have set up a project in which they rear and care for the rhinos with the aim of setting them free when the time is right.

And they are so happy with their recent efforts they now feel it is safer to release the rhinos back into the wild to live freely on their own and fend for themselves.





Rangers

NAME: Jimmy (member 959) DATE OF BIRTH: October 20, 2005 ADDRESS: Willowfield, Harlow SCHOOL: Gateway Nursery School HOBBIES: Playing with his toys DISLIKES: Going to bed **FAVOURITE FOOD:** Tomatoes LEAST FAVOURITE FOOD: Peas FAVOURITE BOOK: Thomas The Tank **Engine FAVOURITE TV:** Thomas The Tank Engine
FAVOURITE
MUSIC: Nickelback and Leona Lewis brother Justin (five months) **PETS:** Poppy the WANTS TO BE: A policeman

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GETTING THE HUMP

A mad scientist's assistant upsets the establishment

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Nile could have done with splash of relish

THE conventions of the drawing room murder mystery must be every bit as familiar as those of high farce and both forms benefit from a certain degree of broad playing.

There's a pleasurable thrill of familiarity with a world in which heroes are capable and dashing, heroines giddy and wealthy old dowagers inevitably crotchety and eccentric

In the main, director Jim Thompson and his enthusiastic cast appeared to relish the potential for melodrama in this play adapted, sans Poirot, from Agatha Christie's Death On The

The plot is (relatively) simplicity itself, with the assembled insen, with the assentibled innocents, villains and red herrings all aboard a paddle steamer heading up the Nile when wealthy young heiress Kay Mostyn (Roseanna Connelly) is murdered and her husband Simon (Greg Baxter) injured – the perpetrator looks certain to be Simon's aggrieved and frankly hysterical ex Jacqueline De Severac (Sophie Barker) but, of course, these things are never so straightforward.

These three did a commendable

MURDER ON THE NILE

Harlow Theatre Company, Victoria Hall Theatre, Old Harlow

job and all appeared to understand the need to play to a subtly heightened reality, a tone subty neightened reality, a ton reflected elsewhere in the cast and particularly by Heather Bygrave as the shrill, snobbish Miss Ffoliot-Ffoulkes, Susie Corcoran as her good-hearted if greatly put-upon niece Christina, Kyle Jaggers as passenger Smith (an amusingly sarcastic socialist with a secret, whose barbed quips aimed at Ffoliot-Ffoulkes and others kept up a steady flow of chuckles) and Ian Fountaine as the very German Dr Bessner. It was a little disappointing that Alan Hodgeson didn't bring a similar note of ripe caricature to the part of Canon Pennefather.

Despite the potential for playing the crime-solving clergyman with a lip-smacking relish, he appeared to be aiming for a more naturalistic performance which sat somewhat at odds with those around him and left the character feeling rather remote and unsympathetic considering he met every eventuality, surprise or shock with the same measured tone

Artists brush up for debut



AMATEUR artists have added a splash of colour to St John's Arts and Recreation Centre with a display of the fruits of their labour.

Almost 150 mixed media works by members of fledgling art club Angela's Artists, which meets every Wednesday afternoon at the at the Old Harlow venue, are

PICTURE THIS: Artist Mo Norton with some of her

currently on display and club founder Angela Tribe (62) hopes her group's debut exhibition will be the first of many more to come.

"We have a wonderful array of paintings on display," said the former art teacher. "The group

has worked very hard since our first meeting in January, and everyone is very proud of what they have managed to achieve in just nine months

The exhibition will run until October 22 and admission is free.

arts diary

MUSIC Dust off your leather jacket, away your razor - three sleeping giants of classic rock are rolling into The Playhouse tonight (Thursday) at 7.30pm to make like it's 1972 all over 7.30pm to make like it's 1972 all over again. First up are howlin'-and-a-hollerin' blues legends The Groundhogs, followed by the duelling guitars and medieval mysticism of Wishbone Ash, while Dutch prog rock legends Focus top the bill. Tickets are £18.50 from (01279) 431945.

MUSIC Harlow Music Society will be MUSIC Harlow Music Society will be showcasing sounds from an unusual combination of instruments tonight (Thursday) at its regular meet at Great Parndon Community Association, in Abercrombie Way, when Catherine Wild, Rosemary Richardson and Vivian Dowles will be playing trio music for oboe, bassoon and piano. Tickets are £5 for members and £5.50 for guests, from (01279) 302115).

ART The third annual exhibition at The Gallery At Parndon Mill devoted to works of art in glass, *Glasshaus* Ill, presents the work of 16 talented artists who have chosen glass to arusts who have chosen glass to express their ideas, exploiting its versatility, plasticity and sheer beauty to create objects which are either functional or purely decorative. The exhibition runs until November 2 and

MUSIC Legendary rock 'n' roller Marty Wilde will be treating fans to a retrospective look at some of the highlights of a glittering music career spanning more than 50 years when he performs live in concert at The Playhouse on Sunday. As well as featuring classic hits such as Bad Boy, Sea Of Love and Jezebel, he will also pay tribute to some of the late, great musical peers who inspired him. Tickets are £17 from (01279) 431945.



Wit, wisdom and class comedy



CLASS ACTS: Lucy Ashton and Andy Bowness in rehearsals for RELATIVE VALUES (s)

FANS of the wit and wisdom of celebrated playwright Noel Coward will be treated to one of the his finest post-war comedies when Global Theatre Company's adaptation of *Relative Values* opens in The Playhouse Studio tonight (Thursday)

Elegant, refined and frequently hilarious, Coward's brilliant comedy of manners focuses on the colourful clash of cultures when the glamour and razzamatazz of Hollywood collides with the stiff-upper lip restraint of the English

When Nigel, the son of the Countess of Marshwood announces his intention to wed the brash but beautiful American actress Miranda Frayle, his prim and proper mother and her snobbish servants are absolutely horrified. But things only get more complicated for the Earl when one of his bride-to-be's cocksure former lovers crashes the glitzy engagement party after jetting in from the US, posing as a magazine reporter to slip through security and cause chaos at the dinner table.

And in the best Coward tradition, the gaping chasm between different classes and cultures is joyfully plundered for all its comic potential as the havoc escalates from one farcical turn to another at a breathless pace, brimming with delicious dialogue, rapier wit and hilarious repartee. The show runs nightly at 8pm until Saturday. Tickets cost £10 (£8 concessions) from the box office on (01279) 431945



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ICUB

certificate PG, running time 1h 27m

EVERY memorable villain needs a pitiful, snivelling minion to torture and berate when his diabolical schemes fall apart.

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"All Igors are forced to serve evil scientists. Our life is a permanent graveyard shift," explains the hunchbacked protagonist of Tony Leondis's disappointing animated feature.

The much-abused sidekick enjoys a rare moment in the spotlight here, realising he doesn't have to behave like a monster just because other people see him that way.

Regrettably, when the mad scientist behind *Igor* – screenwriter Chris McKenna – was brainstorming ideas for his creation, he forgot to add personality, a funny bone, a heart or a soul.

Igor (voiced by John Cusack) resides in the land of Malaria, where he must do the bidding of evil scientist Dr Glickenstein (John Cleese). Sadly, the doctor is somewhat lacking in talent – his inventions rarely work and, as an underling, Igor is unable to point out oversights in his master's blueprints.

When fate hands Igor an opportunity to invent something himself, the servant does the unthinkable and creates life. Unfortunately, his monster Eva (Molly Shannon) isn't evil at all.

Aided by sidekicks Scamper the rat (Steve Buscemi) and Brain (Sean Hayes), a thinking organ on wheels, Igor attempts to unlock his creation's dark side.

Meanwhile, rival inventor Dr Schadenfreude (Eddie Izzard) schemes to kidnap Eva.





also on release



Coen brilliance and blackmail

BURN AFTER READING

certificate 15, running time 1h 35m

AFTER the agonising tension and brutality of their Oscar-winning opus No Country For Old Men, writer-directors Joel and Ethan Coen return to comedic territory with this pithy tale of espionage and infidelity.

infidelity.

Former CIA agent Osbourne Cox (John Malkovich) pens his memoirs, but an electronic copy of the manuscript inadvertently ends up in the possession of gym employee Chad Feldheimer (Brad Pitt, pictured above) and co-worker Linda Litzke (Frances McDormand).

She desperately wants cash to enhance her drooping attributes, so they explore the possibility of blackmailing Osbourne in exchange for the safe return of the disc. Burn After Reading is not classic Coen brothers fare, but there are enough flashes of brilliance to keep us smirking for almost the entire 95 minutes.

Lapse in logic

FAGLE EYE

certificate 12A running time 1h 57m

AN invisible puppetmaster with the voice of Oscar-nominated actress Julianne Moore abuses our society's omnipresent surveillance technology for nefarious purposes, drawing two strangers into a web of murder and deceit.

web of murder and deceit.

A threatening telephone call to both characters sets this ludicrously overblown romp in motion, inviting director DJ Caruso to up the ante with a series of spectacular set-pieces that begins with the arm of a crane crashing through the side of a building, although audiences will have to play as dumb as the beleaguered heroes because as soon as you question the film's twisted logic, you realise it relies far too heavily on luck and coincidence.

sound check with Chris Moss

INVITING favourable comparisons with Razorlight's bombastic early repertoire, The Fullertons' palpitating punk-pop is what Johnny Borrell and his band of bigheaded disciples should have stuck to if they wanted to retain even a shred of credibility. But if you're one of those dead-eyed, disheartened indie kids still clutching a dogerard 7" of Rock N Roll Lies and wondering what could have been, be prepared to let some new heroes into your heart. Yes, they may have already appeared in the Sunday Mirror, but they're far from being your archetypal bunch of insufferable tabloid darlings inexplicably lavished with precious column inches detailing late-night rucks outside The lvy. With none of the ugly egos that ruin so many a promising band, the Hertfordshire quartet make gleefully unpretentious scattergun punk-pop brimming with insanely infectious melodies and refreshingly simple lyrics. Add to this an unapologetic love of dizzying bursts of Hammond organ to rival even the great Clint Boon, and their hyperventilating hooks will force you to dance like an embarrassing granddad without the aid of gallons of sherry – making their inaugural Harlow gig at Quattroz on Friday night all the more appealing.



BAND: The Fullertons
FROM: The heart of Herts
WHO THEY?: David Chanell (vocals/guitar), Chris
Chanell (keys/vocals/guitar), Rik Blake
(guitar/vocals), Rich Iles (drums)
SOUNDS LIKE: Razorlight before Johnny "Jesus"
Borrell disappeared up his own backside

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Paul Newman reviews a selection of the latest releases on DVD

Green recycling's a rousing smash

THE INCREDIBLE HULK (Universal Pictures, 12, retail & rental)

After Ang Lee's well-intentioned but failed attempt to make an arthouse superhero film with 2003's *Hulk*, this drastic reboot dropped such pretensions and wisely set out to please fanboys first and foremost.

Ed Norton replaces Eric Bana to star as troubled Ed Norton replaces Eric Bana to star as troubled scientist Bruce Banner and even had a hand in reshaping Zak Penn's script, resulting in one of the most satisfying comic book adaptations to date (and that's saying something in a year which also included Iron Man, The Dark Knight and Hellboy 2: The Golden Army)

The Incredible Hulk opens with a breathless credits me inceause Hurk Opers will a Diedaniess Gediniers recap of events to date before finding Banner hiding out in Brazil from General 'Thunderbolt' Ross (William Hurt) and his agents, living under the radar and seeking a cure for his violent aller ego.

An early attempt to capture the Hulk for its military potential showcases just how sure a grip director Louis Leterrier has on this material – he shoots the scene like a horror film, with the fearsome behemoth looming from the shadows to snatch away panicked, screaming soldiers.

British soldier Emil Blonski (Tim Roth) leads that operation but stays on Banner's trail back to the USA and the latter's love interest, Betty Ross (Liv Tyler).

And as the renegade scientist's role in a secret military Super Soldier experiment emerges, Blonski seeks out a genetic upgrade of his own and is transformed into The Abomination just in time for a block-rocking, Hellacious smack down in the last reel. Almost every aspect of this sequel/fresh start is an improvement, from the green skin tone and overall CG quality to the bruising thump packed by the action sequences, the quality of performances and fan-pleasing references to other inhabitants of the Marvel Universe (including Captain America, Nick Fury and, best of all, a fleeting but tantalising cameo from Robert Downey Jr as Tony 'Iron Man' Stark). All that, plus TV Hulk Lou Ferrigno shows up in a cameo as a security guard while also voicing this not-so-jolly green giant's immortal "Hulk smash!" line.

Star rating: ★★★

A SECRET (Fox Pathé, 15, retail & rental)

A man seeking his father in 1985 Paris reflects on his family history, life under the Occupation and skeletons in the emotional closet in this engrossing French drama based on the semi-autobiographical novel by Philippe Grimbert.

From his sickly post-war childhood with idealised parents, Francois slowly pieces together a startling truth about the reality of his origins from assorted clues and scraps of memory, learning of his Jewish heritage until he traces the story further back, to 1936, where he finds another truth that both rocks and illuminates his world

As much a meditation on the nature of identity and understanding as it is family saga, writer/director Claude Miller's A Secret a beautifully crafted and paced film whose characters have about them the spark of three-dimensional truth.

Also included is an interesting making-of documentary, in which author Grimbert discusses the story and its translation to the screen

Star rating: ★★★★



BLACK KISS

(Fox Pathé, 15, retail & rental)

Despite style to burn, great photography and a taut atmosphere, this 2004 Japanese murder mystery perhaps takes one too many leaves from the book of talian giallo thrillers and ultimately flounders under the weight of its red herrings and non-sequiturs. Aspiring model Asuka moves into a red light district Aspiring model Asuka moves into a red light district flat with moody ex-model Kasumi and shortly thereafter witnesses a bizarre, ritualised murder taking place in the building opposite. The victim is a former employer of Kasumi who's been pestering her and events begin to escalate as other people with connections to her wind up murdered and mutilated, each found with a calling card bearing a black lip

Just about everybody seems to be a suspect, and the waters are further clouded when Kasumi's dead sister and missing flatmate join the line-up and the possibility of possession is raised.

Extras include interviews with the director and cast, deleted scenes and special effects.

Star rating: ★★

TIMBER FALLS

(Fox Pathé, 15, retail & rental)

An effective and modest slice of urbanoia which goes out of its way to evade or subvert many of the usual clichés of inbred rural types preying on wholesome holidaying city folks.

Nice couple Mike and Sheryl are off hiking for the weekend in West Virginia and get off to a predictably bad start when they cross paths with a trio of good ol' boy redneck hunters, but that's barely a paper-cut next to the miseries ahead of them when they encounter a messed-up family of über-Christians deep in the woods, with a sickle-wielding monster in the basement and a confused desire to both punish the ungodly while forcing them to conceive in a bid to be fruitful and multiply.

Some of the compulsion applied to this end sees director Tony Giglio drift (effectively enough) into Hostel's torture territory, but he's fortunate enough to have a capable cast who breathe real conviction into what might have been off-the-peg characters and also makes great use of his spectacular outdoor locations. Extras include two commentaries, a making-of, trailers and a gallery.

Star rating: ★★★

SARAH SILVERMAN: JESUS IS MAGIC

(Fox Pathé, 15, retail & rental)

Silverman's a stand-up who sets out to shock, using the relatively secure vantage point of post-modernity to speak the unspeakable on matters such as racism, rape, AIDS, religion, the Holocaust and female personal hygiene.

It helps her no end that she's also very attractive and you can't help but suspect she's perhaps not being so very edgy when she can always undercut potential offence with little dead-pan twinkles as if to say 'will you just look at this cute lil' Jewish girl being so outrageous' while also employing a most un-PC onstage persona as an additional buffer.

but when she's not trying to stake out the comedy veins already opened up by Bill Hicks, she's both amusing and entertaining with a string of confessional monologues building to ambush punchlines, but it's a shame this 2005 concert film is repeatedly interrupted by her over-produced and not terribly amusing comedy songs and skits.

Star rating: ★★

 $\star\star\star\star\star$ unmissable $\star\star\star\star$ very good $\star\star\star$ good $\star\star$ fair \star don't bother

Hear this ... a look at what's on at The Square, Harlow

iDRUMS present the drum clinic featuring Craig Blundell with guests Andy Edwards & Martin Ranscombe tonight (Thursday). Craig has stamped his mark as one of the most in-demand session players and international drum clinician in modern day drumming. For clued up drum enthusiasts, this is a great chance to catch Craig in Essex - and for those newer to playing drums, this is a brilliant opportunity to watch a professional at work. Doors open

BLUESY rockers Anything In Mind headline at The Square tomorrow (Friday) and with word spreading afar tickets for the gig are now limited. Providing the support are mod-pop-punks Splitfire who return with their witty modern take on the ideals of bands like The Lord Secret Affair and The bands like The Jam, Secret Affair and The Clash after going down a storm supporting



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SATURDAY'S headline act is The All New Adventures Of Us. Breaking the standard band mold of drums, bass and guitars, TANAOU like to mess about with saxophones, synthesisers and even the odd

handclap. Their sound has been described as the musical equivalent of waiting for a volcano to erupt. Support comes from new band Peg who debuted two songs acoustically as part of the Love Music Hate Racism show in Harlow last month. Here they return as a full band, showing influences of post modern rockers Screaming Trees, Queens Of The Stone Age and local band Orgazmatron. Tickets are available from *crowdsurge.com*.

ALONG with the comedy, open mic and quiz nights, SquareOne is relaunching the classic blues jam night on Sunday. In association with Tones Music, this is literally a case of get up and play. Full backline is provided so just take along your guitar, drums sticks, vocal chords and enjoy a relaxed night of live music. Doors open at 8pm and admission is free.





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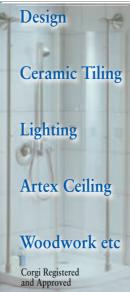
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your love scope in full.

Aquarius Ian 21-Feb 19

another side of you which can like to poke fun at it. Something may have just occurred where your more contrary instincts have come through, and may have caused a little

Aries Mar 21-Apr 20 Tangles that have blighted

Libra Sept 24-Sometimes blighted nmunications melt ay and in fact, someone you've been hoping to hear from can than constructive exchanges. However, if there is something you feel passionate about and you want to get people is sit up and take notice of, this week can see you hoping to hear from can get in touch and be in good spirits, which in turn can lift yours. The New Moon is also shirning goodness on your future cash prospects. This is an excellent time to receive professional advice and to negotiate the uncertainties of the markets. Call me for more

Scopio Oct 24-Nov 22
You can find yourself thinking deeply about the whole basis of your existence. Rather profound? Um, well...maybe, but it's true this, interspersed with more sociable breakouts, is teaching you that your Taurus Apr 21-May 21
You'll sense this is
a time to keep your
nose to the grindstone, but just how much? If you
overdo things, the recent
stress that's affected
many folk can be back
with a vengeance. It's
essential that you know
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essential that you know your limitations. Fortunately, one person continues to be an encouraging force and by the end of this week, extra energy will kick-in. Call your special prediction line for more.

Cemini May 22-Jun 21
The Sun combines
brilliantly with the
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even if you're not quite
sure of what you should
do in certain situations,
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that friendly dialogue will
reveal solutions. Be prepared to listen. You can absolutely captivate can absolutely captivate people with your witty repartee, but this'll have less impact if you're perceived as being smart for smarts sake. Call me now for more.

Sagitarius Nov 23-Dec 21

If your leisure and pleasure time has seemed blighted by politics and people's inability to make their minds up, there's a lot to cherish now, not least a friendlier, positive vibe. And where as folk doubted your ideas and bickered, now they seem content to follow your lead. But when it comes to new romantic possibilities, for now, reserve judgement. Call now for your love scope in full. Capricom Dec 22-Jan 20
A big week for professional aspirations Cancer Jun 22-Jul 23
The Quarter Moon this week occurs in your sign, and this can your sign, and this can set you a dilemma. How do you reconcile your deeply held convictions against the known disproval of key family members? The answer is it depends on how confrontational you want to be. This is not usually your style, but perhaps after recent tribulations you should be a bit more realistic. Call for more

Leo Jul 24-Aug 23 Aquarius Jan 21-Feb 19
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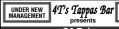
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Making the Qash stretch

By ANDY ENRIGHT observer@hertsessexnews.co.uk

OTTONING on to the fact that a host of families want neither a big, bulky 4x4 nor a style vacuum that most MPV people movers represent, Nissan has brought us the sevenseat Qashqai+2.

A true 'crossover' vehicle with elements of a number of genres, the company hopes it'll catch on. Don't bet against it.

Nissan has some form when it comes to bucking convention. When the Almera was pensioned off, it wasn't replaced by anything directly comparable. The same went for the Primera, evidence that Nissan was tearing up the rule book and abandoning this middle market. Instead, it concentrated on producing more 'lifestyle' choices among its portfolio, with cars like the Micra C+C, the 350Z, the Pathfinder and the Navara all doing very good business.

The Qashqai has also been a big hit, offering an alternative to the conventional family hatch without looking like a big, profligate urban 4x4. Now it's bigger but still looks anything but a Chelsea tractor.

The Qashqai+2 taps into a market that needs a sizeable family car that will see occasional seven-seat usage but which still looks socially acceptable and has a modicum of style. Think how many other cars can fulfil that brief and you'll understand why Nissan is so bullish about this model.

There's one of the widest choices of engines in the sector, with two diesels and two petrol powerplants. The range kicks off with a 1.6-litre 115bhp petrol unit and moves up through 106bhp 1.5dCi diesel and 140bhp 2.0-litre petrol units before topping out with the 150bhp 2.0-litre dCi diesel. Nissan hasn't skimped when it comes to transmission options either, the Qashqai+2 being supplied with five- and sixspeed manual boxes, a six-speed auto option and even an advanced Constantly Variable Transmission (CVT).

The ALL-MODE 4x4 system is available on the 2.0-litre vehicles. This is an electronic system which automatically engages four-wheel drive the moment a loss of traction is detected. It offers more safety and security in extreme weather on-road. Nissan makes no bones of the fact that the Qashqai+2 is anything but an off-roader, citing its lack of ground clearance. What precludes it from tackling rutted tracks makes it a better car on the blacktop, the hunkered down centre of gravity giving the Nissan the driving dynamics of a typical family hatch. The Qashqai+2 weighs 100kg more than its five-seat sibling and the suspension and steering systems have been

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retuned to take account of this. Everything from the windscreen pillars forward is standard Qashqai. Everything behind this point has been modified in the Qashqai+2. The wheelbase has been extended by 135mm and the overall length has grown by 211mm to 4,526mm. To make sure that rear-seat occupants don't feel too hemmed in, the roof line has been reprofiled, adding 38mm to the car's height. The doors have been redesigned and the side windows are bigger, as is the rear tailgate window, making the back feel anything but claustrophobic. The middle row of seats splits 40/40/40 and the backrest reclines to no fewer than nine adjustment positions. The back row of seats is designed for kids or adults up to 1.6m (5ft 3in), the seats fold 50/50 and can be folded away simply by pulling a strap. There's no need to go through the hassle of removing head rests first. When

folded down, there's a massive 500 litres of stowage space, and

the rear hatch is both wider and has a lower loading sill than the

standard Qashqai model. There's

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Like the five-seat Qashqai, the +2
is available in three different
trim and equipment versions:
the now familiar Visia, Acenta
and Tekna levels. Depending on
the version, standard equipment
includes automatic lighting and
wipers, speed sensitive door
locking, cruise control, privacy
glass, electric windows, parking
sensors, a choice of 16- or 17-inch
alloy wheels and Nissan's
intelligent Key. Manual or
sutomatic air conditioning
incorporates mild flow
ventilation, while to provide
sufficient airflow for the
rearmost passengers, a larger
compressor is fitted. Also
standard are the full-length
panoramic glass roof and roof

Nissan has built an enviable reputation for safety and the +2 incorporates a number of noteworthy features. Accurate,

even an underfloor stowage area to keep valuables out of sight.

The sturdy lid of this stowage area also doubles as a cargo

electrically-assisted power steering, multi-link rear suspension and beefy anti-lock brakes with brake assist and Electronic Brakeforce Distribution could well be enough to keep you out of a prang in the first instance, and there's the additional safety net of eighth-generation ESP

stability control from Bosch. The Qashqai seems to have struck a chord with British customers looking for a socially responsible alternative to the usual 'Chelsea tractor'. The front-wheel drive cars are in even hotter demand than the four-wheel drive models as a result.

model with the manual gearbox returns 42.8mpg. With all-wheel drive, the automatic 4x4 diesel variant gets a mere 36.2mpg. The same goes for carbon dioxide emissions. Where the 2wd manual diesel emits a

The front-wheel drive diesel

The same goes for caroon dioxide emissions. Where the 2wd manual diesel emits a reasonable 174g/km, the 4x4 diesel automatic is nothing like so saintly at 208g/km. Going for the petrol 1.6? The official

combined fuel economy figure of 42.2mpg is a lot better than you'd expect from a petrol-powered compact 4x4. Go for the 2.0-litre petrol and that figure falls to 34.9mpg.

There aren't too many cars that aim to exploit an as-yet untapped niche which seem as guaranteed of success as the Nissan Qashqai+2. Like all the best ideas, it's dumbfounding that nobody thought of it before. Perhaps it's a case of an idea whose time has come. Research has shown that we demand more of our cars in terms of space and versatility, but this is balanced against an increasing environmental concern that makes big, profligate vehicles appear rather gauche.

The +2 taps into this mindset and is sure to generate a host of imitators in due course. Many of these will be rushed into production without the depth of engineering of the +2. With a broad range that encompasses four engines, three trim levels and the choice of two- or fourwheel drive, it's hard to see how Nissan can fail.





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HARLOW TOWN FC SCORES WITH NEW JAZZ

Let's hear it for the Jazz! A new version of the Honda which put Japan back on the map as a world leader in the art of building small cars is to be set to hit the road - and Darlingtons are celebrating with a very special launch day in conjunction with Harlow Town Football Club.

The Hawks, established since 1879, are in their third season at their brand new ground, Barrows Farm Stadium, Harlow. Good relationships between the club and Darlingtons of Harlow make this set to be a real celebratory occasion. Everyone is welcome between 11am and 2pm on Sunday 2nd November to come take a look around the new football ground and to experience the launch of Auto Express's best Supermini/City Car... for yet another year running!

The newcomer has a lot to live up to. In only six years, its predecessor racked up two million sales in 115 countries. Not surprisingly, Honda has played safe with the design of the replacement. But it certainly looks sharper, and gets the family face that debuted with the new Accord at the Frankfurt Motor Show, as well as a sleeker profile.

What is new is the promise of an even more improved ride. Much of this is down to the fact that the new Jazz is bigger than before. Bringing the windscreen forward 120mm, stylists have not only altered the Jazz's profile, but created a roomier cabin that is a match for some other family cars. Finally, clever triangular windows has been sculpted into the front doors, improving visibility - a sore point with many owners of the current model.

Two new, low emission petrol engines adopt Honda's I-VTEC variable timing technology, the 90PS 1.2 litre and 100PS 1.4 litre engines and deliver lively performance with exceptional economy. The 1.2 litre achieves an exceptional 55.4 mpg (combined), whole CO2 emissions are improved at 120g/km and it's a similar story with the new 1.4 litre with CO2 emissions at just 123g/km.

Auto Express has again awarded the Jazz with a number of awards including winner in the categories of practicality and super mini/city car. The cleverest folding seats on the market and masses of room up front, helped secure the practicality category whilst Auto Express ask if anything will ever get between the Honda Jazz and its annual supermini gold medal. Consistently topping its class, the Japanese baby is hard to beat for practical, frugal small-car motoring.

It seems Honda had hit the right notes all over again with this superbly conceived supermini.

The show room in RIver Way now has the model on display and Andrew Crocker, Honda Sales Manager is keen to welcome the public to the showroom to get a real feel for the latest edition to this iconic vehicle. This much anticipated launch officially happens this Friday, 17th October but due to the significance of the new Jazz, Andrew decided a showroom launch wasn't enough and wanted to celebrate this special occasion.

Everyone is welcome on 2nd November. So make the most this unique opportunity to visit Harlow Town FC and catch and a look and feel of this fine little number...you might just score! The brand new Honda Jazz, now at Darlingtons Honda, River Way, Harlow. For more information, telephone 01279 439631. Website www.ejdarlingtons.co.uk

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- articulate and literate with good communication skills able to withstand pressure and continual demands for high standards
- flexible and adaptable and willing to work as part of a tea

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